

## THE BRETHREN CHURCH OF OHIO.

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The National Mission Board is probably five years ahead of the church. I mean by that that it will likely be that long before the church mission work will be arranged under one head, or board. At present the districts have their mission boards and are playing at missions. Until we get to work right the National Board will have to do what they think best under the circumstances.

We have come to the conclusion to focus our efforts toward planting the work in Chicago, hence we will not scatter our funds in paying church debts, or working where the ground is covered by District Boards, but all our energies will be directed toward the Chicago field, and the effort made to have the heading of this article a reality.

Many of the mighty works of Christ were performed in and about Capernaum. In this city the roads of the kingdom crossed, and the blessed news of his power and mercy went to the four points of the compass, and all the points between. Chicago is the cross-roads of America, and here the banner of our church should be planted; from here five million tracts and pamphlets a year should be scattered.

Here are schools of theology and medicine, and our young men and women preparing their minds for work, could find their own church home, and through the cities ramifications waves of influence be sent that would tell for present and future good.

It will take means. Who will help. Think over the possibilities prayerfully, and in another letter I will talk more on the subject.

## HAVE FAITH IN GOD. Mark 11: 22.

J. M. BOWMAN.

What we accomplish in the Lord's work often seems to be almost wholly unworthy of notice. We preach and preach, and plan and plan, and work and work, and so little is seen as a result, when we remember that it is the work of Christ: There are ways and ways of doing in full operation now and yet with full free trust in God much more should be done.

A HINDRANCE.

Often failure is made because we do not expect much. We begin work with those in charge of it, not hoping for much to be accomplished and hence not putting forth in the direction of a great achievement. In every avenue of life, business, travel, sporting, achievement of any sort, this has been and is being shown. One man was content to do a small business in a

certain line, but by some chance it was found that he could do much more. Men saw the possibility and rushed for the goal and what an immense and varied business one man presides over. When it was found that a horse could trot a mile in three minutes, men were astonished and declared that nothing better could be reached and so lessened their efforts of training as soon as they were in sight of that standard, but some way a horse out-did himself. The possibility appeared, and now there are many three minute horses, and the time is greatly shortened. It had been thought that only man power could be utilized to advantage, but soon horses, then steam, and now electricity, and even the Niagara is harnessed. It has been thought that man's craftiness and wisdom, and lengthy applications too, of it was the only way of converting sinners to God. But the simple Gospel faithfully believed and earnestly told, is doing greater work in shorter time. In the light of God's word an immense work ought to be accomplished. The Gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation to all who believe it. It will take us out of the chains of sin and fit us for work. But while men will trust more in men and methods and plans and in pleasing the people, than in the power of the Gospel, and be content with meager results rather than look and strike for an upheaval by the power of God, we may expect to "Ever live at this poor dying rate."

A POSSIBILITY.

With all the achievements of invention, men are earnestly looking for still greater wonders in that line. With all the good results of Christian effort, yet some are feeling that we are just at the threshold of a mighty manifestation of God's wisdom and power. We have been preaching little bits of the Gospel and that has accomplished a great work. How, if we should declare mightily the whole Gospel of Jesus Christ? We have been giving assent to some parts of the message from God. How, if we should *actually believe* the whole story that God has sent to us?

THE SOURCE OF POWER.

God is power. Faith is the copper cable that conducts the power. When we come to know God more fully we shall know too, what mighty means lay now unused at our very fingers ends. The people said, "What shall we do that we might work the works of God?" Jesus said, "This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent." Have faith in God for mighty accomplishments of mighty work. "Have faith in God."

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## PEN WAVELETS.

J. B. WAMPLER.

Christ took bread, blessed it, and brake it and gave it to the disciples, and said, take, eat; this is my body." Matt. 26: 26, Disciples is plural, including all who were present on the occasion. After he had given the bread he said, take eat, not as he had given it to them personally, but after he had given to them all. Mark 14: 22, tells us that he "took bread, and blessed, and brake it, and gave it to them, and said, take eat, this is my body." "Them" is a plural pronoun and evidently includes all who participated in the service on the occasion. It looks to me as though the bread was given to all before any of them ate of it. In reference to the cup Christ said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves." Luke 22: 17. Mark says, "And they all drank of it." Mark 14: 23. Matthew 26: 27, says, "Drink ye all of it." Christ was very particular in reference to the cup by qualifying "Divide it," etc. And drink ye "all" of it, "Divide" and "all" were needful in reference to the cup, but not in the bread from the fact that the bread was given to all of them before the *Master said take eat*, I still feel safe in the way we do "break" then eat.

My dear and much esteemed brother B. C. Moomaw, will you please be kind and show wherein Brother Wampler "undertook to limit the Holy One of Israel," and that his position is not wholly in accord with the teachings of God's word? Brother Wampler demands Bible proof. In reference to Conference work, Brother Moomaw says, "may his blessing and grace, yea, and his Holy Spirit, too, despite Brother Wampler's theory, abundantly rest upon the Conference. Amen." This is virtually saying that Brother Wampler does not believe and teach the true *theory* or *theology* of the Holy Spirit, and his work and office. Again Brother Wampler demands Bible proof. Will Brother Moomaw, and the beloved brethren be kind and always correct errors, by referring to our error and give the necessary proof (or re-proof.) Assertion is insufficient, and simply unfair, and places those insinuated in an unpleasant position. Come brethren, those who tell us our faults and correct us are our best friends.

May God bless the forthcoming Pennsylvania State Conference to his own glory and to the furtherance of his cause.

"You must take hold of something and try. You'll find there's always a working alongside. Put up your sails and the wind will fill 'em."—A. D. T. Whitney.